

Need another word that means the same as “puzzling”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “puzzling” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Puzzling” are: enigmatic, enigmatical, confusing, perplexing**

## **Puzzling as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Puzzling" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “puzzling” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Causing one to be puzzled; perplexing.*
- *Not clear to the understanding.*
- *Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity.*



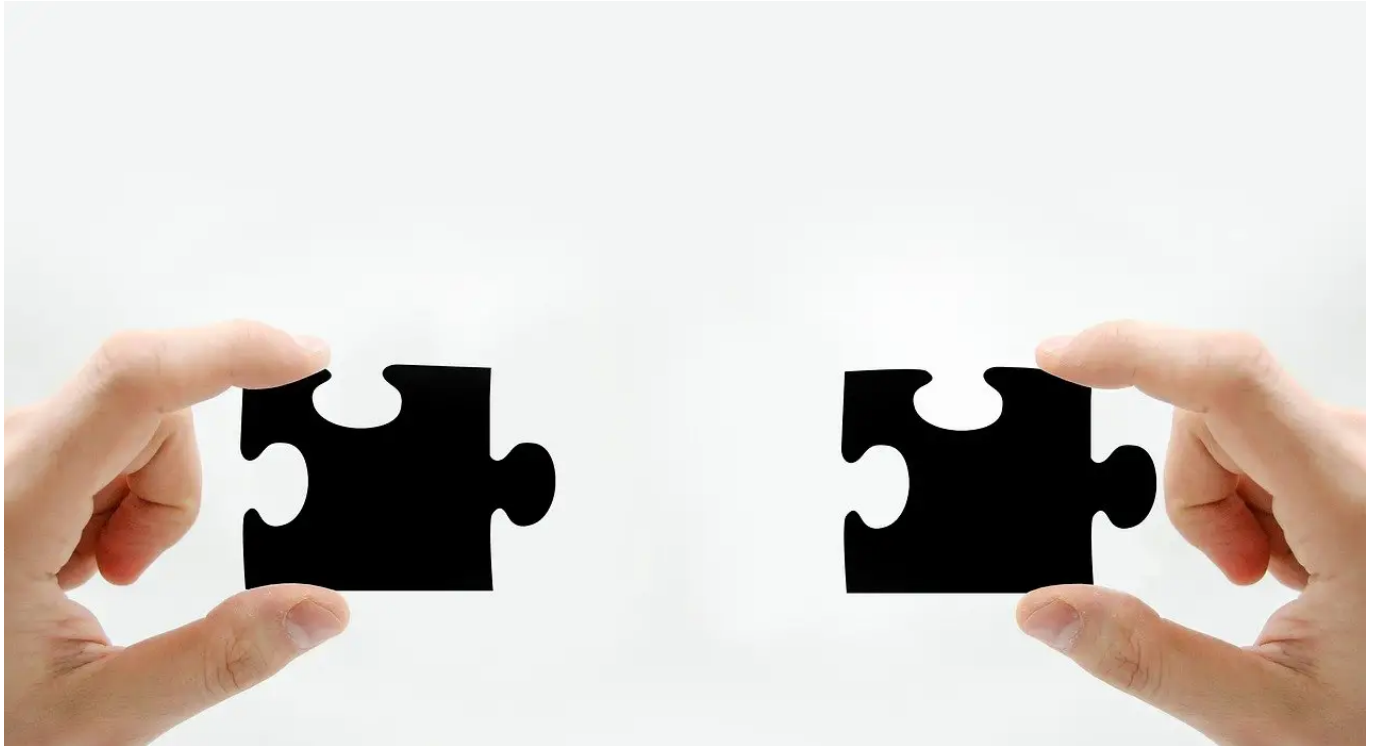
## Synonyms of "Puzzling" as an adjective (4 Words)

- confusing** Causing confusion or disorientation.  
*Being hospitalized can be **confusing** and distressing for a small child.*
- enigmatic** Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious.  
*An **enigmatic** smile.*
- enigmatical** Not clear to the understanding.
- perplexing** Completely baffling; very puzzling.  
*A **perplexing** problem.*



## Usage Examples of "Puzzling" as an adjective

- *Only one very puzzling question remains unanswered.*
- *A puzzling statement.*



## Associations of "Puzzling" (30 Words)

<b>ambiguous</b>	Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning. <i>An <b>ambiguous</b> situation with no frame of reference.</i>
<a href="#"><u>arcane</u></a>	Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge. <i><b>Arcane</b> procedures for electing people.</i>
<b>confuse</b>	Make (someone) bewildered or perplexed. <i>A lot of people <b>confuse</b> a stroke with a heart attack.</i>
<b>confusing</b>	Causing confusion or disorientation. <i>Being hospitalized can be <b>confusing</b> and distressing for a small child.</i>
<b>crossword</b>	A puzzle consisting of a grid of squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues. <i>She settled down to do the <b>crossword</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>cryptic</u></a>	Having a secret or hidden meaning- John Gunther. <i>He found his boss's utterances too <b>cryptic</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>discombobulated</u></a>	Having self-possession upset; thrown into confusion- G.B.Shaw. <i>The hecklers pelted the <b>discombobulated</b> speaker with anything that came to hand.</i>

<b>disconcerted</b>	Having self-possession upset; thrown into confusion. <i>Looked at each other dumbly quite <b>disconcerted</b>.</i>
<b>enigmatic</b>	Not clear to the understanding. <i>Prophetic texts so <b>enigmatic</b> that their meaning has been disputed for centuries.</i>
<b>incomprehensible</b>	Difficult to understand. <i>A language which is <b>incomprehensible</b> to anyone outside the office.</i>
<b><u>inexplicable</u></b>	Incapable of being explained or accounted for. <i>For some <b>inexplicable</b> reason her mind went completely blank.</i>
<b>inscrutable</b>	Of an obscure nature. <i>Guy looked blankly <b>inscrutable</b>.</i>
<b>insoluble</b>	Without hope of solution. <i>An <b>insoluble</b> problem.</i>
<b>mysterious</b>	(of a location) having an atmosphere of strangeness or secrecy. <i>A <b>mysterious</b> benefactor provided the money.</i>
<b><u>occult</u></b>	(of a disease or process) not accompanied by readily discernible signs or symptoms. <i>A wooden screen designed to <b>occult</b> the competitors.</i>
<b><u>odd</u></b>	An indefinite quantity more than that specified. <i>She looked younger than her fifty <b>odd</b> years.</i>
<b><u>opaque</u></b>	A substance for producing opaque areas on negatives. <i><b>Opaque</b> to X rays.</i>
<b>oracular</b>	Holding or claiming the authority of an oracle. <i>An ambiguous <b>oracular</b> remark.</i>
<b>perplexing</b>	Completely baffling; very puzzling. <i>A <b>perplexing</b> problem.</i>
<b><u>puzzle</u></b>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>He loved to solve chessmate <b>puzzles</b>.</i>
<b>questioning</b>	The raising of a doubt about or objection to something. <i>The <b>questioning</b> mind of a child.</i>
<b>recondite</b>	(of a subject or knowledge) little known; abstruse. <i>Some <b>recondite</b> problem in historiography.</i>
<b>sibylline</b>	Resembling or characteristic of a prophet or prophecy. <i>Thoroughly <b>sibylline</b> in most of his pronouncements.</i>

<b>strange</b>	Denoting or involving a flavour (variety) of unstable quark having an electric charge of $-1/3$ . Strange quarks have similar properties to down quarks and bottom quarks, but are distinguished from them by having an intermediate mass. <i>It is <b>strange</b> how things change.</i>
<b><u>subtlety</u></b>	The quality or state of being subtle. <i>The textural <b>subtlety</b> of Degas.</i>
<b>unaccountable</b>	Unable to be explained. <i>He was not only the most charismatic man she d ever met but also the most complex and <b>unaccountable</b>.</i>
<b><u>unclear</u></b>	Not clear to the mind. <i>The motive for this killing is <b>unclear</b>.</i>
<b><u>unfathomable</u></b>	Incapable of being fully understood. <i>Mountains of <b>unfathomable</b> scale.</i>
<b>unintelligible</b>	Impossible to understand. <i>Dolphin sounds are <b>unintelligible</b> to humans.</i>
<b><u>weird</u></b>	Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences. <i>Some trick of the moonlight some <b>weird</b> effect of shadow.</i>

